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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ayako KOBAYASHI

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS THAT CHECKS HARDWARE RESOURCES BEFORE ACTIVATING
HARDWARE-RELATED PROGRAMS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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/A.N./	AO 2000-20203 ✓	01/21/2000	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
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